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CAVITY SURFACE EMITTING LASER THEREFOR

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 22, 2004, Applicants
submit the following remarks.

Notice of Paper Submission Under 37 C.F.R. 1.34(a)

The present paper is submitted under 37 CFR 1.34(a) and MPEP 405 by an
undersigned Applicant's representative who is not the attorney of record in the present
application. All communications regarding the present application should continue to be

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directed to the attorney of record, Ivan S. Kavrukov, Cooper & Dunham LLP, 1155
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Reconsideration and Modification Request Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.143

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 22, 2004, Applicants at least partially traverse insofar as the Restriction Requirement does not appear to address the subject matter of FIGS. 1, 1A, 2, and 2A or the related claims 1-23, 24-36, 37-44, 45-50, and 93-96. A request for modification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.143 is presented here. Insofar as the present application indeed relates to a communications system, as well as to some particular VCSEL devices for use in that communications system and fabrication methods thereof, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner form a "Group IV" category directed primarily to FIGS. 1, 1A, 2, and 2A, and to examine that Group IV in the present application. Applicants could then subsequently file further divisional applications relating to the "Species I, II, and III" groups (generally, FIGS. 4-10) that were identified in the Restriction Requirement dated October 22, 2004.

For the purpose of the present examination, the proposed Group IV would be associated with the following claims: Claims 1-11, 24-27, 37-38, 45-46, and 93-96.


Provisional Election Under 37 CFR 1.143

In the event that the Examiner declines to form and examine the proposed Group IV above or similar grouping, Applicants provisionally elect Species II, Claims 61-65 and 80-84. While it appears that the selected Species II claims are generic to both subspecies A (Fig. 6) and Subspecies B (Fig. 7), Applicants would provisionally elect Subspecies A if required to make such election. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, the attorney of record, Ivan S. Kavrukov, can be contacted at (212)-278-0400.

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